Review of World Bank Projects in the Country

1911. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 348 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether World Bank has undertaken a fresh review on the progress of some of its projects;

(b) if so, the progress of the review;

(c) the date by which the review would be completed; and

(d) the main objective of undertaking the review?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Project monitoring is an on-going exercise conducted throughout the year so as to identify the bottlenecks in the implementation of the projects and to take immediate corrective steps. This exercise, is carried out by the Department of Economic Affairs, line Ministries and State Governments. The World Bank also sends its missions essentially to review and monitor the projects jointly with the implementing agencies, the State Governments and Government of India. Besides, there is also a mechanism to jointly review the performance of the World Bank aided projects and portfolio, annually, in order to identify problems relating to poorly performing projects. Wherever the performance of a project is found unsatisfactory, decisions about the cancellations of loans/credits, partially or fully, are taken in consultation among the concerned project implementing authorities, Govenrment of India and the World Bank.

As a follow-up to the meeting between Finance Minister and the President, World Bank, Central Ministries and State Govenrments, with a large number of World Bank aided projects, have been asked to set up a single point Project Monitoring Authority for intensive supervision of the projects. This will be combined with joint semi-annual reviews by Ministry of Finance and World Bank to ensure that aid-utilisation improves.

Hospitals run by Central Government in Punjab

1912. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of hospitals run by the Central Government in the State of Punjab at present; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to open Central Government Hospitals in the State of Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) A statement showing the district-wise details of Central Government Hospitals in Punjab is annexed.

(b) 'Health' being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government to establish hospitals in the States keeping in view their priorities and availability of resources.

Statement

Name of the District	Name of the Hospital
Amritsar	1. E.S.I Hospital, Amritsar. 2. Railway Hospital, Amritsar. 3. Military Hospital, Amritsar.
Batninda	1. Railway Hospital, Bathinda. 2. Military Hospital, Batninda.
Firozepur	1. Railway Hospital, Firozepur Cantt. 2. Military Hospital, Firozepur Cantt.